

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 29th day of June, 1967.

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CHAPTER 1011

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INDEMNIFY FARMERS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SEED SWEET POTATOES IN THE SWEET POTATO WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the sweet potato weevil has been found in Columbus and Robeson Counties in North Carolina and this pest is a threat to the sweet potato industry in North Carolina, being known as the most destructive insect to attack sweet potatoes; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent the spread of and to control and eradicate the weevil in North Carolina, the North Carolina Board of Agriculture adopted a sweet potato weevil eradication program; and

WHEREAS, many North Carolina growers had to destroy infested seed in order to eradicate this pest: Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the State of North Carolina to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, in addition to all other appropriations, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purpose of indemnifying sweet potato growers in North Carolina for seed potatoes destroyed in North Carolina to eradicate the sweet potato weevil.

Sec. 2. The Department of Agriculture shall make payments, not to exceed a payment of two dollars (\$2.00) per bushel, to North Carolina farmers for those seed potatoes which were destroyed by said farmers under the present sweet potato weevil eradication program; provided that, the destruction of said seed potatoes shall first be verified by the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture.

Sec. 3. All funds herein appropriated not used for this purpose on or before January 1, 1968, shall be returned to the General Fund of the State.

Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 29th day of June, 1967.